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Re: Inventor(s): Michael R. Rice, Martin R. Elliott, Robert B. Lowrance, Jeffrey C. Hudgens and Eric A. Enghardt
Title: OVERHEAD TRANSFER FLANGE AND SUPPORT FOR SUSPENDING A SUBSTRATE CARRIER
Serial No.: 10/764,820
Filed: January 26, 2004
Examiner: Greenhut, Charles N.
Group Art Unit: 3652

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ PTO Form 1449;
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with six cited references; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

FEE CALCULATION					
Fee Items	Claims Filed	Included With Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	N/A	- 20 =	-0-	X \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	N/A	- 3 =	-0-	X \$200.00	\$0.00
Basic Filing Fee (\$300.00), Utility Search Fee (\$500.00), Utility Examination Fee (\$200.00)				\$1000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL FEES					PAID

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 04-1696.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0663686 B1 (EPO)

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0795892 A1 (EPO)

Weiss, Mitchell, "Evaluating 300-mm Fab Automation
Technology Options and Selection Criteria", June 1997, MICRO,
Vol. 15, No. 6, pages 65-66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78-79.

No-Author, "Equipe Helps Streamline 300 mm Wafer Processing", Dec. 1, 1997, Manufacturing Automation, Vol. 7, No. 3, page 1-5.

No-Author, "PRI Selected By Varian Semiconductor to Supply 300mm Integrated Front-End Buffering Solutions", Feb. 10, 2000, Newswire, Page 7434.

No-Author, "300mm Single-Wafer Handling" (Brief Article), Apr. 1, 2000, Solid State Technology, Vol. 43, No. 4, page 99.

Please charge deposit account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$180.00 for consideration of this information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

These references are also listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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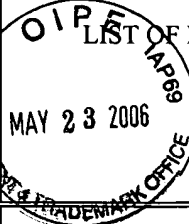
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	OT-1	Weiss, Mitchell, "Evaluating 300-mm Fab Automation Technology Options and Selection Criteria", June 1997, MICRO, Vol. 15, No. 6, pages 65-66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78-79.
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